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KEY INTERMEDIATE IN THE PREPARATION OF
TRANDOLAPRIL BY REACTING A CYCLOHEXYL
AZIRIDINE WITH A DIALKYL MALONATE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows: